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In re the Application of:

KYRLIDIS, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1741

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

July 16, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before August 8, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the election with traverse of Group I, but indicates that the traversal was not found to be persuasive. The Examiner indicates that Group II has been rejoined with Group I because of the amendments of February 15, 2002, and further